

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
)  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
MARQUISE McCANTS, )  
)  
Defendant. )  
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**CRIMINAL NO.:** JKB-16-0363

Transcript of Proceedings  
Before the Honorable James K. Bredar  
Tuesday, November 7th, 2017  
Baltimore, Maryland

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

(3:24 p.m.)

THE COURT: We're back on the record. And the question -- it strikes me that we should have a hearing, Mr. Francomano, on the question with respect to Mr. Valcourt.

MR. FRANCOMANO: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: So I want to schedule that sometime next week. Tuesday? For an hour.

MR. FRANCOMANO: Your Honor, if I could check my phone.

THE COURT: Yes, please do.

MR. FRANCOMANO: Any time is fine.

THE COURT: Government, on Tuesday?

MR. MARTINEZ: We're fine, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. What's she got, for an hour on Tuesday?

THE CLERK: 11:00.

THE COURT: 11:00 o'clock, Courtroom 3D, we'll have a hearing on the potential conflict question. By then the Court will have appointed conflict counsel to advise Mr. McCants with respect to the question of any conflict of interest that Mr. Francomano may be experiencing in his representation of Mr. McCants by virtue of his possible prior representation of the witness Mr. Valcourt. Mr. Valcourt is also being appointed counsel. And those individuals are all

1 required to be present.

2 So the government needs to pay attention to this,  
3 Mr. Valcourt must be here. Mr. Valcourt's appointed lawyer  
4 must be here. Mr. Francomano must be here. Mr. McCants must  
5 be here. And Mr. McCants' new conflict counsel must be here.  
6 Counsel for the Government must be here. And we will hear the  
7 question of whether there is a conflict. And if there is a  
8 conflict, what if anything should be done about it.

9 Government clear on what our purpose is next week?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Francomano, you're clear about it?

12 MR. FRANCOMANO: Crystal, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Very good. Mr. McCants is  
14 remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal. Mr.  
15 Francomano is excused. We're off the record.

16 (3:26 p.m.)

17 (The proceedings were concluded.)

18 I, Christine Asif, RPR, FCRR, do hereby certify that  
19 the foregoing is a correct transcript from the stenographic  
20 record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

21 /s/

22 Christine T. Asif  
23 Official Court Reporter  
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